

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed December 8, 2008, the Examiner noted that claims 1-9, 13-16 and 19 were pending, allowed claims 1-9, 13, 14 and 19, and rejected claims 15 and 16. Claims 15 and 16 have been canceled and, thus, in view of the forgoing claims 1-9, 13, 14 and 19 remain pending for reconsideration which is requested. No new matter has been added. The Examiner's [rejections and objections] are traversed below.

It is submitted that claims 1-9, 13, 14 and 19 continue to be allowable. It is further submitted that the claims are not taught, disclosed or suggested by the prior art. The claims are therefore in a condition suitable for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is requested.

If any further fees, other than and except for the issue fee, are necessary with respect to this paper, the U.S.P.T.O. is requested to obtain the same from deposit account number 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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